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## PUPPY AND BABY



photo by Staff Sgt. Lisa Horton

Schriever Air Force Base family picnic brought family members of all ages out to enjoy the festivities. Staff Sgt. Steve Ferdette aka "Sparky the firedog," made rounds visiting the children. See Page 6 and 7 for the rest of the picnic coverage.

## SGLI coverage extends to family members

Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance will be extended to provide coverage to family members beginning Nov. 1.

The government has always had an excellent estate program to protect family members in case of a servicemember's death, said Maj. Jeffrey T. Keef, chief of Air Force military estate and special pays policy at the Pentagon. However, little has been available to provide the military member financial protection in the event of a family member's death.

Under the new provisions, spouses and children will be automatically covered if the military member is an SGLI participant, Keef said. The member will have the option to decline spouse coverage if submitted in writing.

The maximum automatic coverage is \$100,000 for a member's spouse, and any lesser amount must be evenly divisible by \$10,000, Keef said. However, the amount of coverage of a member's spouse cannot exceed the amount of coverage of the insuring member. Premiums for spouse coverage will be charged based upon spouse's age and will range from 9 cents to 55 cents per \$1,000 of coverage. For example, \$100,000 of coverage could be obtained on a spouse younger than 35 for \$9 per month.

There is also a policy conversion option for the insured spouse after loss of eligibility for SGLI, he said.

Children will be covered automatically for \$10,000, and no premiums will be charged to the member, Keef said. In cases where both parents are eligible SGLI participants, the child may not be insured by more than one member.

In the event of a family member's death, any insurance in effect will be paid to the insuring member. If the member passes away before payment can be made, then the amount will go to the people named as the member's beneficiaries.

"The Air Force sees this as a good deal for its members," Keef said. "By allowing members who have elected coverage only under SGLI to opt for family member coverage, we are putting them on equal ground with civilians who might obtain family coverage as a rider to their master civilian life insurance policies," he explained. "This relieves our members from having to seek out more than one provider in order to acquire coverage for the entire family."

Military personnel flights can expect to receive detailed implementing instructions in September.

# Don't kill your chance of survival

Staff Sgt. Amy Parr  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Despite the fact that the annual 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign is winding down for another year, Air Force officials are stressing a single message to airmen stationed around the world: Don't let your guard down — safety is a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year proposition.

That is the word at the Pentagon as the number of Air Force fatalities reached new levels this year. More Air Force people have lost their lives in 2001 — 53 air-men to date — than either of the previous two years. The majority of fatal accidents have occurred in off-duty vehicle accidents.

As the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign enters its last few weeks, Air Force officials are reminding people that safety should be practiced year-round, both on and off duty.

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, is urging commanders to focus attention on protecting air-men and their families.

“Our troops are our most vital asset,” he said. “You can have the most modern and reliable equipment, but without people, it is merely machinery. Motor vehicle operations and recreational activities are our top killers and leading causes of serious injuries. We need to focus our efforts to avoid dangerous driving and recreational risk environments.

“Any accident is one accident too many,” Ryan said. “And while accidents do happen, more can be done to prevent them.”

The primary causes of death include drinking and driving, failure to wear seatbelts, excessive speed for conditions and violation of traffic laws.

“While we can't control the other guy, we can make sure we do the right thing,” Ryan said. “Follow basic common sense guidelines — wear your seatbelt, drive defensively, and if you're going to drink, don't drive.”

This year's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign has also seen an increase in on-duty deaths. Four air-men have lost their lives while on the job.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch said it is important to not only look out for one's own personal safety, but that of others as well.

“Our people make us the best Air Force in the world. It's important that we take care of them,” he said. “Watch over your buddies. Make sure they follow proper safety procedures and that they're OK.

“Accidents do happen and sometimes they're caused by humans,” Finch said. “If there is an accident, do your best to make sure the human error wasn't yours.”

It is also important for people to exercise caution during the summer heat and not overextend themselves, safety officials said. Drink plenty of water and watch others for warning signs of heat-related illnesses.

A little caution now could save a life, maybe even your own, officials said.

# Commander reviews “Ideas and Weapons”

Col. Larry James  
50th Space Wing Commander

“Ideas and Weapons” was written in 1953 by I.B. Holley, Jr., in the midst of the cold war and emergence of the Soviet Unions nuclear threat. However, as the foreword states, the book “remains one of the finest texts ever written on the history of warfare and weapons acquisition.” The book focuses on the development of air-power and weapons leading up to World War I and examination of the

post World War I weapons develop-ment environment. The book contains timeless lessons learned as the mili-tary struggled to understand and inte-grate revolutionary new weapon sys-tems (airpower) into the prevailing doctrine of the times. How the Services organized to develop and field these weapon systems is one of the key themes of the books and the author states that “the vastly enlarged destruction potential of today's weapons makes the process of selec-tion of great moment. The survival of nations or even of whole cultures may

depend upon the ability to procure superior weapons.” This book is extremely relevant today as we in the Air Force work to integrate space power into Aerospace operations, bring on new weapons capabilities and develop a cradle to grave space process that includes the Space and Missile Center under Air Force Space Command. I highly recommend this book-it will make you think and help us avoid some of the mistakes of the past in bringing new weapons capabil-ities into being.

# AFSPC education program offers civilians money for college

Master Sgt. Austin Carter  
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** -- College tuition assistance has always been one of the prime selling points of a career in uniform. Senior Air Force leaders believe the benefit of having an educated member outweighs the cost of that education.

Now Air Force Space Command is offering the same tuition benefits to the civilian work force that have been given to the military for years.

The issue came up three years ago in a command quality-of-life seminar. Last year the command set aside \$200,000 for civilian education under the same guidelines as the military and managed from the bases' education offices.

What's astonishing is not that the command has apportioned the money, but that the civilians have not fully taken advantage of the program. About a quarter of the money remains unused.

“I would tell our civilians to jump on this!” said Margret Waldie, chief of HQ AFSPC Affirmative Employment and Training Branch. “Every class, every term, every credit adds up and before you know it, you're stepping across the stage, getting your degree.”

That degree can be useful for about 80 percent of the 4,700 civilians working in appropriated-fund jobs in the command. Only 22 percent have academic degrees.

Richard McMullen, the chief of the AFSPC Education and Training Branch, isn't sure why the civilian force is slow to take advantage of the program, but he thinks that, like many beneficial programs, people must first realize that the program exists.

“It's going to take a little time for people to get used to it,” he said. “I think that when the money finally came to us in December, it was too late

for most people going to school. Many traditionally begin school in the fall term.”

Space Command has such faith in the program that it is guaranteeing another \$200,000 for the next fiscal year.

“The Civilian Tuition Assistance Program is another excellent avenue to help develop our civilian workforce and enhance the mission of Air Force Space Command,” said Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, AFSPC vice commander. “Our civilian employees are critical to the command's success, and we had to find a way to help develop their technical, administrative and management skills in the same way we do for our active-duty force.”

The program pays for a mission-related educational degree and covers those who don't have an undergraduate degree yet. If approved, a civilian can expect the Air Force to pick up the tab for 75 percent of the tuition and instructional fees — up to \$187.50 per semester hour (which is \$124 a quarter hour). There is a cap of \$3,500 per employee per year.

“It's been very expensive for me for the last four years. I've spent thousands of dollars on tuition and books and that makes it hard when you've got a family,” said Angie Horn, a staffing specialist with the Peterson AFB Civilian Personnel Office. Horn, a GS-12 with 26 years of experience, is going for a bachelor's of science degree in human resources management with a Colorado Springs university that specializes in adult education. “Three-quarters of my last two classes' tuition was paid for by the Air Force - about \$1,400. I still have to pay for my books, but it's a big financial load off me. I'm just so happy about it. It's the best news I've had all year. What it tells me is that the Air Force is saying, ‘You're worth it to us.’ In the end, the Air Force will benefit.”

## To qualify for tuition assistance, applicants must:

- \* Be taking an undergraduate-level course that is part of a degree plan.
- \* Have received a satisfactory performance appraisal during their last reporting period.
- \* Not be receiving financial support for any other source, such as Veterans' Administration or the Career Program.
- \* Be eligible to take only one course at a time with a limit of three courses per school year.
- \* Have an educational level below a bachelor's degree.
- \* Be a member of an AFSPC unit and considered an AFSPC asset.

For more information, call the Peterson Air Force Base Education Office at 6-4064.

“This helps the Air Force by having a better educated workforce,” said Waldie. “That also makes them more promotable. It's a big step toward saying that we care about our civilian work force and it shows our civilians that they are a big part of the mission.”

Although no one can predict the future of the fledging program, command officials say there should be no reason civilian tuition assistance can't continue as Air Combat Command's program has for the last six years.

“This way our civilians become an even more integral part of our total effort, and it helps with recruitment and retention of this part of our work force,” said DeKok. “We're proud of the efforts that created our civilian tuition assistance program and are committed to its continued funding and support.”

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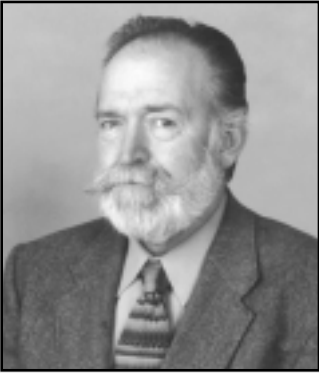
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# Onizuka member selected as AFSPC nominee for Wright Brothers Trophy



Shirley Rose

Valerie Joseph  
21st Space Operations Squadron Public Affairs

Shirley Rose, 21st Space Operations Squadron Mission Support Flight chief at Onizuka Air Force Station, Calif., was recently selected as Air Force Space Command’s nominee for the 2001 Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy.

The Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy, presented annually by the National Aeronautic Association, recognizes a civilian for significant public service of enduring value to aviation in the United States. Public service can include either public service as a full time government employee or an unpaid volunteer serving on a government commission, agency or service that made a major contribution of enduring value to the public.

The NAA established this award to honor the memory of both Orville and Wilbur Wright; it is awarded annually on the anniversary of the historic first flight.

Rose will represent AFSPC at the NAA-level competition in December.

“We are proud of Mr. Rose’s incredible achievements and look forward to him winning at the national level,” said Lt. Col. Sandra Finan, 21st SOPS commander.

## News briefs

### Russia, U.S. must get beyond cold war, Rumsfeld says to Putin

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld met Russian President Vladimir Putin and Russian Defense Minister Sergey Ivanov in Moscow Aug. 13 and discussed a range of security, political and economic issues. At a Kremlin press conference, Rumsfeld and Ivanov said offensive and defensive systems should be linked in any discussions between the two countries.

Addressing the Russian refusal to the U.S. request delivered by Rumsfeld that both countries pull out of the 1972 Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty, Rumsfeld said the United States agrees it is “perfectly appropriate” to discuss offensive and defense missile capabilities together. But the United States will continue talks with Russia to move beyond the ABM Treaty and into the kind of normal relations it has with all other countries, he said.

### Chu sees value in longer military tours of duty

DoD’s senior personnel official says modifying current “up- or-out” retention rules and establishing longer tours of duty might better serve members and their families.

David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, told reporters Aug. 8 at the Pentagon that DoD is looking at personnel rules that impel service members to move frequently to secure promotions and possibly leave jobs they enjoy and are good at, or leave the force.

Critics of current military personnel practices “would say we’ve driven the ‘up-or-out’ principle, both in the officer and enlisted force, a little bit too far,” Chu said.

Chu added that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld “is deeply skeptical about the pattern in

which people spend so short a time in each post.” The secretary, Chu said, has lately asked about the practicality of having troops, especially commanders, serving in billets for two years or less.

### F-22 gets green light for low-rate production

The Defense Acquisition Board has approved the F-22 air superiority fighter to enter low- rate initial production, officials announced Aug. 15.

The decision means Lockheed-Martin will build 10 F-22s using fiscal 2001 funds and 13 in fiscal 2002. There are currently eight F-22s already flying.

“The program has met all its exit criteria for entering into low-rate production and is performing to its design goals,” said Pete Aldridge, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics.

The acquisition board unanimously approved low-rate production, Aldridge said. Low-rate production will run through fiscal 2005, then shift into high-rate production. Aldridge said the program will provide air dominance through the next 20 years.

### Recruit attrition rates fall across the services

Recruit attrition rates are dropping across the services thanks to programs that try to prepare enlistees for the rigors of basic training before they ship out and revamped training policies.

All the services report increased use of delayed entry programs in recent years. DEPs acclimate recruits, enhance their performance and decrease washouts.

DoD officials keenly watch recruit attrition numbers, especially since the cost of recruiting new service members averages about \$11,000 each — some \$3,000 more than just a few years ago, said Navy Cmdr. Yvette BrownWahler, director for recruiting plans, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

# Firefighter leaves stripes, career behind

Firefighter of twelve years is ready to hand over his stripes and career in hopes of becoming an officer.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Mark Howland, current assistant chief of operations of the fire department here, is awaiting his separation date as part of his being selected for the Professional Officer Course-Early Release Program.

The POC-ERP offers active-duty airmen who can complete all degree and commissioning requirements within two years an opportunity for an early release from the active-duty Air Force to enter the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Howland found out about the program through his commander, Lt. Col. George Horan, and applied Aug. 1. Then on Aug. 10, Howland was asked to meet with Lt. Col. Laurie Townsend,

50th Support Group deputy commander. “I went over there thinking I was just going to go over some issues from the recent major accident response exercise, when I was shuffled into the wing stand-up meeting,” said Howland. Col. Larry James, 50th Space Wing commander, decided to then let the lieutenant hopeful in on the good news. “I was very surprised, it was such a quick turn around,” Howland said.

Howland has already attained a bachelor’s degree in fire science from Southern Illinois University. However, for this program he will attend Oregon State University for three terms to fulfill ROTC requirements in preparation for his commission.

That’s about as far as Howland can see into the future right now. “I have no idea what the future holds right now, since we [program selects] can’t even give our preferences yet,” he said.

“I have mixed emotions about leaving. I love being a firefighter and hate to leave that behind,” he added. Since currently the Air Force has no active-duty officer firefighter positions. “I’ll



photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

Tech. Sgt. Mark Howland, current firefighter at Schriever Air Force Base, rolls up hose used in the Fire Muster competition at the base picnic.

pursue other avenues to continue firefighting, probably as a volunteer firefighter.”

Howland isn’t the only person expressing concern about his leaving. “Sgt. Howland is one of the finest young noncommissioned officers I’ve ever seen in the fire department; his knowledge well exceeds his years,” said John Harris, chief of Schriever Air Force Base Fire Department. “Proof of his professionalism is that he’s filling a position that at other bases is usually a master sergeant slot,” Harris added. “This is a good opportunity for him, however this will be a great loss for the future of this depart-

ment and Air Force firefighting profession.”

While Howland is living the life of a full-time college student, his wife, Stacy, and two sons, Fisher and Hunter, will head to Florida to stay with her family.

School is set to start Sept. 24. Howland said he’ll probably leave a week before to get ready for his first day of school.

Howland said he had a lot of help from the Peterson Air Force Base Education Office, Lisa Simon and Mike Matteson specifically.

For more information about this program, go to <http://afrotc.com>.



◀ Firefighter goes out with a splash. Fellow firefighters dunk Tech. Sgt. Mark Howland at the base picnic to bid farwell since he'll be leaving for Oregon State University soon. Howland was selected for commission through the Professional Officers Course-Early Release Program and will be leaving the active duty firefighting profession.

## 17th Test Squadron captain successfully completes Phase II of Combat Rescue Officer training

Capt Bryce Morgan  
17th Test Squadron

A Schriever Air Force Base officer will be one of the first to compete for entry into a brand new career field. Capt. Carl Wooten, 17th Test Squadron, recently completed the second of three phases to become a combat rescue officer.

The position, called CRO for short, was created when the pararescue career field opened recently to the officer corps.

*The selection process is broken into three phases as follows:*

*Phase I* - Applicants must submit a package to the CRO (13DX) Board. The package must include a cover letter, endorsed by the squadron commander, with a statement volunteering for hazardous duty, a resume, last five Officer Performance Report, a flying class III physical, a copy of your personnel Single Uniform Retrieval Format and the results of a Physical Abilities and Stamina Test, also certified by the squadron commander. The required PAST standards are a 1.5 mile run in 10 minutes and 30

seconds or less, 8 chin-ups, 50 sit-ups, 50 push-ups, 60 flutter kicks, a 25 meter underwater swim and a 1000 meter swim in 26 minutes or less, all within a three hour period.

*Phase II* - Board selected candidates report to Moody Air Force Base for a week of “screening” which consists of mental and physical challenges designed to weed out those individuals not committed to the program. The week consists of calisthenics, running (with and without weighted rucksacks) and, most of all, swimming. All candidates undergo psychological interviews and testing and are required to give a briefing during the week. “Phase II was the best and worst week of my life. It was the most physically, psychologically and emotionally demanding thing I’ve ever done, but it also provided the best opportunity to learn something about myself that I’ve ever had,” Wooten said.

*Phase III* - This phase, called the “pipeline,” starts with the CRO Indoctrination Course at Lackland AFB, Texas. Indoctrination is a 10-week version of Phase II with a higher level of intensity, stricter standards and a washout rate that occasionally hits 100 per cent. The rest

of the “pipeline” is a succession of the following DoD schools: U.S. Army Combat Diver Qualification Course, Army Airborne School, Army Military Free Fall Parachute School, Navy Underwater Egress Training, Air Force Basic and Advanced Survival Schools, Air Force Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course, Joint Aerospace Command and Control Course and the Pararescue Recovery Specialist Course.

Wooten, a 1993 USAF Academy graduate previously stationed at Grand Forks AFB and Woomera, Australia, was one of 29 applicants to the March CRO board invited to attend Phase II training. Only 11 survived the week and 8, including Wooten, were selected to attend indoctrination. He will begin indoctrination on Jan 22. “It will be a long road, but the opportunity to get in on the ground floor of this career field is very exciting”

The next Phase II selection board will be held on Sep 12. Deadline for application is Sep 7. The board is open to the ranks of O-1 through O-5. For more information on application procedures, future CRO boards and the career field in general, check out [www.specialtactics.com](http://www.specialtactics.com).

# 50th CG works Silver Key

2nd Lt. Jeremy Eggers  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Betty McCandess moved to Colorado Springs when she was 8 months old. That was in 1923. She’s learned to take the good with the bad as the community has grown up and changed. For example, she hates the traffic problems that have developed over the years, and as a result, takes a path of forgotten back roads to the grocery store.

However, there’s one change-the increased military presence in Colorado Springs-that McCandess is more than grateful for. “I absolutely love the military,” said McCandess. Specifically, she loves members of the 50th Communications Group who were painting her house Saturday as part of the city’s Silver Key program.

Members of the 50th and 850th Communications Squadrons, from airman first class to lieutenant colonel, made up one of many groups from Schriever that painted Colorado Springs’ homes over the weekend.

Silver Key, a non-profit organization founded in 1971, provides various services such as maintenance, cleaning, lawn care and snow shoveling, to promote independent leaving for elders. The Pikes Peak region Silver Key assists more than 15,000 elders annually.

Staff Sgt. Michael Porter, 50th CS, organized volunteers to paint McCandess’s house. Silver Key provided most of the materials and paint for the project. “We provided the power,” said Porter, who recruited about a dozen

volunteers to paint. “We go to work every day; it’s kind of nice to do something for the community we live in,” said Airman 1st Class Jarvis Taylor, 50th CS, referring to the military’s role and importance in local communities.

Master Sgt. Daniel Guillaume, 50th CS first sergeant, sees volunteer work as part of a “whole-person concept.” “We want our airmen to realize that part of being in the Air Force is being involved in the community,” said Guillaume.

The CG team completed painting Saturday, but made plans to return and fix McCandess’s patio deck, which is old and rotted in areas. “It’s not safe for her right now, so we’re going to come back and replace it.”

“They don’t want to leave my deck like it is,” said McCandess. “It says a lot about how honest and hard working they are. They’ve answered my prayers.”

The communications group has an established reputation for volunteer work. Ongoing projects include Silver Key, Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure, clean-up work at the Garden of the Gods and the Marion House Soup Kitchen. The group also came together in May to assist Ellicott tornado victims and they organized a clothing drive for victims of a recent apartment fire.

“We see the volunteer opportunities and encourage people at all levels to take charge,” said Lt. Col. Mona Lisa Tucker, 50th CS commander. “We’re always willing to put forth the effort.”



photo by 2nd Lt. Jeremy Eggers

Airman 1st Class J. Matlock, 50th Communications Group, touches up the trim along a window of Betty McCandess’ home Saturday during the group’s Silver Key Paint-a-Thon volunteer effort. The 50th CG team was just one of the many military units that participated in the event over the weekend in the Colorado Springs area.



# Fun was had by all at Schriever's annual base picnic



Children wait patiently as volunteers paint their faces during the picnic. The face painting booth was one of many activities offered to family members throughout the day.



Sumo wrestling was one of the most popular activities run by the 50th Support Group Services Division. Participants dressed in sumo suits and did battle against each other on mats. The oversized suits made it difficult to move and drew many giggles from the contestants.

Capt. Gary Jenkins of the Executive Team, takes a shot at the pins during the hose bowling phase of the Fire Muster competition. ►



Two team members work together to connect hoses during the Fire Muster competition's bunker relay. Completing the tasks proved cumbersome while dressed in the fire protection gear.



The shortstop from the Chiefs team handles a hard hit ball during the second inning of the Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game July 17. The Eagles dominated the early part of the game and hung on for the victory.



Four members of the Executive Team fill their buckets in the fire brigade relay. Teams were required to fill a fifty-five gallon drum using the buckets.

Staff Sgt. Steve Horton  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Hundreds of Schriever Air Force Base personnel and their families spent the day eating, relaxing and participating in the many events offered at Schriever's annual base picnic and ATWIND Family Fun Day Aug. 17.

Several base squadrons and organizations set up food and beverage booths, the 50th Security Forces Squadron conducted live-fire demonstrations and the service division operated a booth to purchase Schriever merchandise and organized many of the activities for children.

"A lot of people came out and enjoyed themselves," said 1st Lt. Veronica Prado, 50th Support Group, Services Division. "The base was very supportive. We had more than 30 volunteers helping out. The 50th Civil Engineer Squadron was especially helpful. Without them, we wouldn't have had the generators, ice or manpower we needed."

One of the crowd favorite events was the first ever Schriever Fire Muster. Nine teams from around the base competed in four events testing their skills as amateur firefighters.

Claiming the overall title was the Executive Team of Cpts. Tommy Roberts, Doug Schiess, Gary Jenkins, Matt Morand, and Debbie DeHart.

The first event was hose bowling. Team members took turns trying to knock down bowling pins with fifty feet of rolled hose. The team knocking down the most pins was the 50th CES commander's team.

Next was the Bunker Drill. Each team was timed on how long it took them to put on full firefighter gear, run two sections of hose fifty feet out from the main water valve, connect the hoses and knock a ball off of a stand with the water. The 50th CES commander's team once again came out on top completing the relay the fastest.

The third event was the Bucket Brigade. Teams used buckets to run water from the starting point to a fifty-five gallon drum to fill it completely. The Executive Team completed the task the fastest and began their drive to the championship.

The finale of the fire muster competition was the Water Barrel Fight. Two teams competed against each other to move a barrel across a wire suspended above the ground. Once again the Executive Team came out on top by defeating three opponents.

"Working together on a daily basis definitely helped us," said Roberts on his team's victory. "We had the makings for a good team. We had a great time and showed a lot of teamwork out there."

Complete results were:

- 1st: The Executive Team
- 2nd: 50th Communications Squadron
- 3rd: 50th CES Commander's Team
- 4th: 50th CES/CEO
- 5th: 3rd Space Operations Squadron
- 5th: 850th CS
- 6th: Operational Support Squadron
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50th Security Forces members assisted family members in firing weapons during the annual base picnic.

photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton



U.S. Army Space Command openings

The U.S. Army Space Command is looking to fill two positions. SATCOM Electronics Engineer (GS-12) and SATCOM Aerospace Engineer (GS-12, potential GS-13). Positions close out Sept. 20 and Sept. 19 respectively. For more information or to apply go to [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) or call Jan Michnal at 556-8335.

Wing commander’s call

The 50th Space Wing Commander will hold commander’s calls Aug. 30 at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Aug. 31 at 9 a.m. The call will be held in the Satellite Dish. All sessions are open to all ranks, civilians and contractors.

For more information, please contact Capt Doug Schiess of 50th SW/CCX at [douglas.schiess@schriever.af.mil](mailto:douglas.schiess@schriever.af.mil).

Vacancy at fitness center

Applications are now being accepted for the following positions: Recreation Assistant NF-0189-II,REGULAR CATEGORY W/Benefits: \$11.00PH (3 POSITIONS) Recreation Aid NF-0189-I, FLEXIBLE CATEGORY, NO Benefits: \$9.00PH

(2 POSITIONS) You may stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 128 and pick up an application or go to [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov) and pull up OF 612 and OF 306 and drop them off by Bldg. 210. You can also mail them to 50th SPTG/SVH, 210 FALCON PARKWAY, STE 2109, SCHRIEVER AFB, CO 80912-2109. Positions will be filled mid September.

For more information, please contact Ms. Lopez of 50 SPTG/SVH at [ethel.lopez@schriever.af.mil](mailto:ethel.lopez@schriever.af.mil).

Family Support Center classes

Classes are held in the Family Support Center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Bldg. 350, Rm. 1016 unless otherwise specified. Registration for all classes is required. To register call the Family Support Center at 556-6141 or stop by Rm. 1016.

*Job Orientation*—Thursday or Sept. 6, 1-2:30 p.m. This class gives a brief overview of information on the local job market and how the center can help in job search.

*Estate Planning Seminar*—Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. If you are interested in creating a personal financial plan and would like information about the following topics: wills, net worth, managing financial well being, property ownership, transferring property and life insurance plan to attend this informative seminar. An accredited financial counselor

will instruct.

*Resume Review Class*—Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. In order to take full advantage of this class, attendees must bring a draft copy of their resume. The employment team will coach attendees on ways to improve their product in order to secure the targeted job.

*Sponsorship training*—Weekly classes are held on Tuesdays 7:30-8:45 a.m. This training highlights sponsor responsibilities, relocation resources available both on and off base and the effect that sponsorship has on the overall mission. Training is required for all sponsors of military and civilian employees.

New class offered at fitness center

Trying to lose weight but not sure if your exercise program is worth the time you’re putting into it? A new class offered at the Schriever Fitness Center can help you get the most from your workout. The month-long course begins on Wednesday, September 5th and will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am to 10:00pm through September. All participants must register in advance as class size will be limited. To reg-

ister, call the Fitness Center at 7-3338. For more information, please contact Terry Kremer at [Terry.Kremer@schriever.af.mil](mailto:Terry.Kremer@schriever.af.mil).

Women’s strength training classes

The Schriever Fitness Center will be offering a month-long strength training class for women only. Classes begin on Sept. 4 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4pm. All participants must register in advance as class size will be limited. To register, call the Fitness Center at 7-3338.

For more information, please contact Terry Kremer at [Terry.Kremer@schriever.af.mil](mailto:Terry.Kremer@schriever.af.mil).

Women’s Equality Day event

The Federal Women’s Program is sponsoring an event Monday to recognize this date in history. This free event will be held at the Peterson Air Force Base Officers Club at 10 a.m. For more information call 4-5265.

Blood Drive Correct Date

The next blood drive will be Wednesday. For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Kevin Baity at [kevin.baity@schriever.af.mil](mailto:kevin.baity@schriever.af.mil).

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